

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph ^[0a25]~~[0027]~~ as follows: "... between a cable system headend 102 and a plurality of cable modems (CM) 108a-108n via a communications network 106"

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Please amend paragraph ^[0035]~~[0037]~~ as follows: "... In an embodiment, a downstream synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM) 230 is used to support packaging, handling, and storage of output queues received from the CMTS MAC 210."